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PARIS FOR USSS SAIC LEYVA

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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS USG ASSISTANCE IN
PROSECUTING ACCUSED COUNTERFEITERS

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1. LIBERIAN JUSTICE MINISTER LAWRENCE MORGAN HAS APPROACHED
EMBASSY REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN PROSECUTION OF SEVERAL
PERSONS ACCUSED OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COUNTERFEIT
U.S. DOLLARS. HE HAS ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE AN QTE EXPERT
UNQTA ON COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENTS WHO COULD TESTIFY IN COURT AS TO

COUNTERFEIT NATURE OF BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN SEIZED AND PROVIDE
EXPERT TESTIMONY ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CASE. HE PARTICULARLY
MENTIONED GARY PETREVICH FROM PARIS WHO VISITED MONROVIA EARLIER
AND WHOM MORGAN AND CID DIRECTOR REED BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN VERY
HELPFUL TO THEM IN DEVELOPING CASE.

2. MORGAN COULD NOT SPECIFY WHEN CASE WOULD BE TRIED BUT SAID
IT COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS TWO WEEKS FROM NOW. HE THOUGHT
EXPERT MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. HE SAID
EXPERT WOULD BE GUEST OF GOL. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. EMBASSY MADE NO COMMITMENT OTHER THAN TO PASS ON REQUEST TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, EMBASSY HOPES WE CAN BE FORTHCOMING. MORGAN INTENDS PROSECUTE CASE VIGOROUSLY AND ESTABLISH THAT GOL WILL NOT TOLBERATE TINKERING WIIHH CURRENCY. HE BELIEVES THIS ASSISTANCE WILL GIVE HIM A STRONGER CASE TO PRESENT. MORGAN HAS BEEN A FRIEND OF THE USG AND IMPORTANT CONTACT FOR THIS EMBASSY IN DELICATE SITUATIONS. WE WOULD WANT TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO HIS REQUEST NOT ONLY TO SERVE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE BUT TO RECIPROCATATE FOR HIS PRIOR AND ANTICIPATED FUTURE COOPERATION. END CONFIDENTIAL. BEAN

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